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The Ministry of Public Information has issued the following press communique:-

There is a great deal of misleading propaganda carried on in connection with the introduction of the study of Hindustani in the schools of this Province. Government desire to make their policy clear in this connection so as to remove possible misconceptions on this subject.

The attainment by our Province of its rightful place in the national life of India requires that our educated youth should possess a working knowledge of the most widely spoken language in India. Government have therefore decided upon the introduction of Hindustani in the secondary school curricualam of our province. Government desire to make it clear that Hindustani is not to be introduced in any elementary school whatsoever, the mother-tongue being the only language taught in such schools. Hindustani is to be introduced only in secondary schools and there too only in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd forms that is to say in the 6th 7th and 8th years of school life. It will not interfere in any way with the teaching of the mother-tongue in the secondary schools. The study of the mother-tongue will continue to be enforced as before, and promotions from class to class will not be affected by failure of proficiency in Hindustani but will depend, as before, on the general proficiency, and marks obtained in other subjects including the Mother-tongue. Hindustani will be compulsory only in the sense that attendance in such classes will be compulsory and pupils cannot take Hindustani as a substitute for Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam or Kanada, but must learn Hindustani only in addition to one of these languages.

Further, the Government have already ordered that the mother tongue should be the medium of instruction in t[illegible] schools commencing with the 4th [illegible] this year - leading [illegible]

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upto the highest high school class in the course of the next two years, - in areas where the difficulties of bilingualism do not complicate the problem. The importance of the mother tongue will be maintained right through the curriculam. The Government are revising the S.S.L.C. regulations so as to make facility of correct expression in the mother tongue compulsory for all students going through the S.S.L.C. Examination. The Government have thus kept in view the importance of the mother tongue in the scheme of education in this Province and in fact are taking steps to raise the mother tongue to a position of greater importance than it has hitherto enjoyed.

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